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## **VALLEY CENTER ROAD GROUNDBREAKING SET FOR MAY 18** *Horn, Dignitaries to Mark Start of \$34 Million Road Widening Project*

Valley Center resident and Board of Supervisors Chairman Bill Horn, County officials, tribal leaders and members of the local community will officially break ground for Phase 2 of the Valley Center Road widening project May 18. Ceremonies begin at 9 a.m.

The \$34 million project will widen the road to four lanes for nearly four miles from south of Ridge Ranch Road to Cole Grade Road. It includes bridge reconstruction, major drainage improvements and traffic signal reconstruction. When finished, the road will have a striped or raised landscaped median, bike lanes and pathways. Utility companies are also undergrounding their lines.

"We are proud to follow through with the second phase of this important road improvement," Horn said. "Valley Center drivers will face less congestion and the community will be a safer place when we finish construction."

Work should be completed by December 2008. Work in business areas will finish earlier—the stretch from Woods Valley Road to Old Road will be done in Fall 2007 and the Cole Grade Road business area should be done by Spring 2007.

Funding for the project comes from Transnet (\$18m), San Pasqual Band of Mission Indians (\$6m), Rincon Band of Mission Indians (\$2m), Valley Center Municipal Water District (\$4m) and utility companies—SDG&E, AT&T and MediaCom—(\$3.5m)

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